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SUBJECT: VORSTER AND MANGOPE PUBLICLY DISAGREE OVER
BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP ISSUES

REF: (A) PRETORIA 2711; (B) PRETORIA 3212

1. SUMMARY: CHIEF MANGOPE AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER HAVE PUBLICLY ATTACKED EACH OTHER'S STAND ON BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP ISSUES. MANGOPE, HOWEVER, MAY BE LARGELY POSTURING WITH HIS EYE ON THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS IN BOPHUTHATSWANA.

2. CHIEF MINISTER LUCAS MANGOPE OF BOPHUTHATSWANA, SPEAKING BEFORE THE COLORED FEDERAL PARTY CONVENTION JULY 1,
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REPORTEDLY ATTACKED SAG'S HOMELAND POLICY AS A PROCESS "GUNNING FOR AN INDEPENDENCE WHICH WILL ONLY CATER FOR CERTAIN WHITE PEOPLE'S EVIL DREAMS OF CONTINUED BAASKAP." HE SAID INDEPENDENCE FOR BOPHUTHATSWANA "SMELLED OF FRAUD AND DISGRACE" BECAUSE HIS PEOPLE WERE NOT BEING PERMITTED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICAN AND BOPHUTHATSWANA CITIZENSHIP AND BECAUSE THE LAND IT HAD

BEEN GIVEN WAS "HOPELESSLY INADEQUATE."

3. IN RESPONSE, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, WHO HAD DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES PRIVATELY WITH MANGOPE ON JUNE 27 (REF B), REPORTEDLY SAID MANGOPE HAD NOT RAISED THESE OBJECTIONS DURING THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THE NATIONAL PARTY'S POLICY HAD ALWAYS BEEN TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE TO THE TSWANAS, AND CHIEF MANGOPE HAD ACCEPTED IT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BOPHUTHATSWANA INDEPENDENCE BILL. TO BRING THAT DECISION INTO QUESTION NOW "DID NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF CHIEF MANGOPE OR HIS PEOPLE."

4. TWO HOMELAND LEADERS, HUDSON NTSANWISI OF GAZANKULU AND CEDRIC PHATUDI OF LEBOWA APPLAUDED MANGOPE'S STAND. NTSANWISI REPORTEDLY SAID INDEPENDENCE WAS AN ABDICATION OF ONE'S BIRTHRIGHT, AND THAT HE WOULD NOT APPLY FOR IT UNTIL THE OPTION TO RETAIN SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP WAS GIVEN TO HIS PEOPLE. PHATUDI WELCOMED MANGOPE'S STAND, EVEN THOUGH IT COMES SO NEAR THE "FATAL HOUR" OF INDEPENDENCE. PERHAPS, PHATUDI MUSED, MANGOPE HAD FINALLY REALIZED THAT INDEPENDENCE WOULD MAKE HIS PEOPLE FOREIGNERS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD DENY THEM A STAKE IN DETERMINING SOUTH AFRICA'S FUTURE.

5. A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN SAG AND BOPHUTHATSWANA REPRESENTATIVES IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8. RAND DAILY MAIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTED "SOURCES" TO EFFECT THAT A PROPOSAL TO AMEND BANTU CITIZENSHIP ACT OF 1970 TO PERMIT TSWANAS WHO RENOUNCE BOPHUTHATSWANA CITIZENSHIP AFTER INDEPENDENCE TO BECOME CITIZENS OF A NON-INDEPENDENT HOMELAND WOULD BE A PART OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS. AMENDMENT WOULD, IF ACCEPTED, PERMIT TSWANAS TO RETAIN SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZENSHIP FOR "EXTERNAL PURPOSES" (E.G. USE OF PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL), WHILE RETAINING HOMELAND CITIZENSHIP FOR "INTERNAL PURPOSES" (E.G. POLITICAL RIGHTS, INFLUX CONTROL).

6. COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR TO WHAT EXTENT MANGOPE IS SIMPLY POSTURING, BUT OTHER BLACK HOMELAND LEADERS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE MANGOPE IS SERIOUS ABOUT HIS RECENT REMARKS. AS ELECTIONS IN BOPHUTHATSWANA APPROACH, MANGOPE IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM THE OPPOSITION TO BE MORE DEMANDING IN NEGOTIATIONS. HE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY PLEASED WHEN OPPOSITION MP'S PUBLICLY PRAISED HIS SPEECH. BUT HIS LACK OF LEVERAGE, HIS STRONG COMMITMENT TO INDEPENDENCE, AND SAG'S ADAMANT STAND NOW THAT OPERATIVE LEGISLATION HAS PASSED BODE ILL FOR MUCH SUCCESS. BOWDLER

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